**National Highways in Jharkhand**

†212. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount allocated, released and spent on development and maintenance of National Highways in Jharkhand;

(b) whether any proposal for widening and strengthening of National Highways in the State is pending for approval; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The funds allocated (released), to Government of Jharkhand on development and maintenance of National Highways during last three years and expenditure thereon is as under:

*(Amount in Rs. Crore)*

| Year | Allocation (Release) | Expenditure |
|---|---|---|
| 2003-2004 | 52.16 | 46.66 |
| 2004-2005 | 58.78 | 26.46 |
| 2005-2006 | 61.37 | 61.35 |

(b) and (c) No proposal included in Annual Plan 2006-2007 for widening and strengthening is pending for approval in this Ministry.

**Speed governors on all stage carriers**

213. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the High Court of Kerala have come to the notice of the Ministry that speed governors should be installed on all stage carriers and heavy vehicles in Kerala;

(b) whether Government would consider it proper to introduce speed governors in one single State in isolation, especially Kerala which is heavily dependent on essential consumer items from other States; and

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